

2012 WARRANT THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Barrington, in the County of Strafford, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs: You are hereby notified of the annual meeting.

The first session for the transaction of all business other than voting by official ballot shall be held Saturday, the 4th day of February 2012 at 9:00 A.M. at the new Middle School on Route 9 in Barrington. If the session cannot be held that date because of weather or other unexpected emergencies the session will be held the 6th day of February 2012 at 6:30 PM at the Early Childhood Learning Center, 77 Ramsdell Lane. The first session shall consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of each warrant article. Warrant articles may be amended, subject to the following limitations:

- (a) Warrant articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended.
- (b) Warrant articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for final vote on the main motion, as amended.

The second session of the annual meeting, to vote on questions required by law to be inserted on said official ballot, and to vote on all warrant articles from the first session on official ballot shall be held Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at the new Middle School on Route 9 in Barrington. The polls shall be open from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Articles

Article 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers by ballot and majority vote, including:

**One Selectman for three years.
One Selectman for two years.
Tax Collector for three years.
Town Clerk for three years.
Town Treasurer for three years.
Three Library Trustees for three years.
One Trustee of Trust Funds for three years.
One Cemetery Trustee for three years.
One Cemetery Trustee for one year.
One Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years.**

Article 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: To see if the town will adopt the Zoning District Map, as prepared and revised by the Strafford Regional Planning Commission, and approved by the Planning Board, as the town's official Zoning District Map? **The Planning Board recommends this article. [Majority Vote Required].**

Article 3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Town Code Enforcement Officer for the town zoning ordinance as follows: To amend Article 3-Permitted Uses; Subsection 3.1.8 Signage, by providing for the removal of signs from public property or public right-of-way when not in compliance with town ordinances and regulations? **The Planning Board recommends this article. [Majority Vote Required].**

Article 4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: To amend Section 1.4 Authority and Severability by clarifying the severability language to make it consistent with other Town land use documents? **The Planning Board recommends this article. [Majority Vote Required].**

Article 5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: To amend Section 1.5 Interpretation by providing that when a conflict exists between one or more standards, the more stringent shall apply, and that words used within the ordinance but not defined are given their common and generally accepted meaning? **The Planning Board recommends this article. [Majority Vote Required].**

Article 6. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: To amend Section 1.6. History by providing more detailed information of the various adoptions, amendments, and repeals of the town zoning ordinance? **The Planning Board recommends this article. [Majority Vote Required].**

Article 7. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: To amend Article 18-Definitions by adding “Back lot: Back lot, also known by the term, Flag Lot, a parcel of land which does not meet minimum frontage requirements, is set back from the street, where access is provided by means of a narrow, private right-of-way or driveway”, and, to amend Section 4.1, General Provisions, Paragraph 3 Back Lots by providing that up to two backlots may be allowed in existing or new subdivisions? **The Planning Board recommends this article. [Majority Vote Required].**

Article 8. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: To amend Article 4 - Dimensional Requirements, Table 2: Table of Dimensional Standards by adding dimensional standards for residential uses in the Village District and deleting unnecessary words from Footnote “f”? **The Planning Board recommends this article. [Majority Vote Required].**

Article 9. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: To amend Subsection 6.2.2 Common Open Space to provide minimum percentage open space requirements in the

Neighborhood Residential and Village Districts? **The Planning Board recommends this article. [Majority Vote Required].**

Article 10. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: To amend Article 14 – Impact Fees for Public Capital Facilities, Section 14.5 to clarify the types of elderly housing which qualify for an exemption from the school impact fees? **The Planning Board recommends this article. [Majority Vote Required].**

Article 11. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 10 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: To amend Article 18– Definitions for the purpose of inserting “Fluvial Erosion: The wearing away of riverbeds and banks by action of the water, which can be accelerated to rates harmful to life, property, and infrastructure during high flow conditions”, and, “Fluvial Erosion Hazard: Fluvial erosion hazard (FEH) refers to major stream-bed and stream-bank erosion associated with the often catastrophic physical adjustment of stream channel dimension and location that can occur during flooding”? **The Planning Board recommends this article. [Majority Vote Required].**

Article 12. Are you in favor of repealing the current Building Code, adopted in 1972 and amended numerous times, and adopting a new Building Code as proposed by the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer to provide a building code that is up to date and consistent with the process, standards, and requirements of the International Building Code referenced in NH RSA 155-A, as adopted and amended from time to time by the State Building Code Review Board.? **The Planning Board recommends this article. [Majority Vote Required].**

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to change the office of Town Treasurer from an elected position to an appointed position per RSA 41:26-e. Such appointment shall be made by the Board of Selectmen in writing and shall include the compensation to be paid. If approved, the current elected Treasurer will continue to serve until the March, 2013 annual town meeting, at which time the Treasurer shall be appointed. **[Majority Vote Required]. By unanimous 5-0 vote the Board of Selectmen recommends this article.**

Article 14. “Shall the Town of Barrington raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$5,932,822.00? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$5,822,694.00 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Barrington or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.” **[Majority Vote Required]. By a unanimous 5-0 vote the Board of Selectmen recommends this article. By a unanimous 5-0 vote the Advisory Budget Committee recommends this article. NOTE: This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in any other warrant article.**

Article 15. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$172,000 for road paving and reconstruction and to authorize the use of that amount from the unreserved fund balance. This money funds the start of a multi-year plan recommended by the town's consulting engineer to maintain and improve road conditions after years of deferred maintenance. The Board of Selectmen had delayed spending this amount of road paving funds in the 2011 budget because of health and safety issues with the old Town Hall. Unexpended funds were returned to fund balance at the end of 2011. This appropriation will not impact the tax rate in 2012. **[Majority Vote Required]. By a unanimous 5-0 vote the Board of Selectmen recommends this article. By a unanimous 5-0 vote the Advisory Budget Committee recommends this article. *Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #14, the operating budget article.**

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established and to authorize the use of that amount from the unreserved fund balance. This appropriation will not impact the tax rate in 2012. **[Majority Vote Required]. By a unanimous 5-0 vote the Board of Selectmen recommends this article. By a unanimous 5-0 vote the Advisory Budget Committee recommends this article. *Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #14, the operating budget article.**

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be added to the Swain's Dam Capital Reserve Fund previously established and to authorize the use of that amount from the unreserved fund balance. This appropriation will not impact the tax rate in 2012. **By a unanimous 5-0 vote the Board of Selectmen recommends this article. By a unanimous 5-0 vote the Advisory Budget Committee recommends this article. *Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #14, the operating budget article.**

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 to be added to the Library Technology Fund Capital Reserve previously established and to authorize the use of that amount from the unreserved fund balance. This appropriation will not impact the tax rate in 2012. **[Majority Vote Required]. By a unanimous 5-0 vote the Board of Selectmen recommends this article. By a unanimous 5-0 vote the Advisory Budget Committee recommends this article. *Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #14, the operating budget article.**

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to be added to the Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund previously established and to authorize the use of that amount from the unreserved fund balance. . This appropriation will not impact the tax rate in 2012. **[Majority Vote Required]. By a unanimous 5-0 vote the Board of Selectmen recommends this article. By a unanimous 5-0 vote the Advisory Budget Committee recommends this article. *Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #14, the operating budget article.**

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to establish a Fire Rescue Equipment Capital Reserve fund pursuant to RSA 35, for the purpose of purchasing and maintaining Fire

Rescue Equipment, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to this fund and further to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. Such funds may be expended for replacement and maintenance of Fire Rescue equipment. This appropriation will not impact the tax rate in 2012. **[Majority Vote Required]. By a unanimous 5-0 vote the Board of Selectmen recommends this article. By a unanimous 5-0 vote the Advisory Budget Committee recommends this article. *Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #14, the operating budget article.**

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to be added to the Town Building Preservation Capital Reserve previously established. This appropriation is to come from general taxation. **[Majority Vote Required]. By a unanimous 5-0 vote the Board of Selectmen recommends this article. By a 3-2 vote the Advisory Budget Committee recommends this article. *Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #14, the operating budget article.**

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to be added to the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve previously established. This appropriation is to come from general taxation. **[Majority Vote Required]. By a 4-1 vote the Board of Selectmen recommends this article. By a 4-1 vote the Advisory Budget Committee does not recommend this article. *Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #14, the operating budget article.**

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to authorize under the provision of the New Hampshire Revised Annotated Statutes 261:153 the collection of a fee of \$5 per vehicle registration, with 100% going for a municipal road capital improvement fund and to name the Board of Selectmen the agent to expend for such transportation improvements as allowed under RSA 261:153. This appropriation will not raise the property tax rate. **(By Petition) By unanimous 5-0 vote, the Board of Selectmen recommends this article.**

Article 24. In accordance with RSA 72:38-a "Shall the voters modify the elderly exemptions from the property tax in the town of Barrington, based on the assessment for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age and up to the age of 74 \$174,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 79 years \$210,000; for a person 80 years of age and up \$270,000. To qualify the person must have been a resident of New Hampshire for at least three (3) years, preceding April 1 of the year in which the exemption is claimed, own real estate individually or jointly, or if such person's spouse owns the real estate, they must have been married for at least five (5) years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$46,500; or if married, a combined net income of not more than \$59,400, and own net assets not in excess of \$222,500, excluding the value of the person's residence. If land is in excess of 2 acres and subdivision is prohibited, then the land is considered as a single 2 acre building lot for the purpose of this exemption. **(By Petition) The Board of Selectmen does not recommended this article by a 4-1 vote.**

Article 25. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting of the honorable Town Government. **[Majority Vote Required].**

Given under our hands, this 26th day of January, 2012

----- Keith Pratt
----- Michael Clark
----- Dawn Hatch
----- Susan Gaudiello
----- Dennis Malloy

A TRUE COPY OF WARRANT - ATTEST

Please notify the Selectmen's Office at least five business days prior to this meeting if the meeting must be modified for your participation.

January 26, 2012

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named, to meet at time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting up an attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting within named, and a like attested copy at the Town Office and post office being a public place in same town, on the 26th day of January, 2012,

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